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In re Application of	:	
O'Neil et al.	:	
Application No. 09/964373	:	ON PETITION
Filing Date: 09/28/2001	:	
Attorney Docket Number:	:	
VIP-101	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 10, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

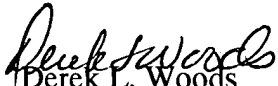
The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of March 14, 2006. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2).

Applicant filed an Amendment in response to the Office action on September 11, 2006; however, the reply failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant was so notified in an Advisory Action mailed September 26, 2006. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is June 15, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114, previously submitted; (2) the petition fee; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2137 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.


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